REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application, and for indicating that the application includes allowable subject matter.

The Examiner required that the title of the invention be amended to reflect that both method and apparatus claims are present in the application. An appropriate amendment has been made to the title of the invention.

The Examiner required the addition of an abstract. An abstract is included in the present amendment.

The Examiner required the inclusion of a reference to parent applications immediately following the title of the invention. A reference to parent applications is included in the present amendment.

Claim 9 has been canceled by the present amendment.

The Examiner required corrections to claim 1, which have been made by the present amendment.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. NKTR-34155US1.

> Respectfully submitted, PEARNE & GORDON, LLP

By: Brad C. Spencer, Reg. No. 57076

1801 East 9th Street Suite 1200 Cleveland, Ohio 44114-3108 (216) 579-1700

Date: March 1, 2010